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Mr. Felix Boudreaux
State of Louisiana
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Application for Public Hearing
Authority to Commingle Production
Vintage Petroleum, Inc.
South Pass Block 24 and West Bay Fields;
West Bay Commingling Facility
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Boudreaux,

Application is hereby made on behalf of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order approving the commingling in Vintage's proposed **West Bay Commingling Facility of gas and liquid** hydrocarbons produced from the South Pass Block 24 and West Bay Fields, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. A like application is also being filed for Vintage's South Pass Block 24 Commingling Facility.

At such hearing, Vintage will request that it be authorized to commingle and allocate production based on monthly well testing utilizing two and three phase well tests and wellhead shakeout analysis as opposed to the previously approved method of unit metering, all as normally allowed in compliance with provisions of Section 1505 2.a of Statewide Order 29-D-1.

In Vintage's opinion, this proposal will promote conservation of the natural resources within the State of Louisiana, will prevent waste, will protect the rights of all parties at interest and will result in substantial economic savings without results that may be in any way inconsistent with conservation policies, statutes or regulations of the State of Louisiana. Further, in the opinion of the applicant, the commingling procedure proposed will provide reasonable, accurate measurement, will not create inequities and will insure that the owner of any interest will have the opportunity to recover his just and equitable share of the reservoir content.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

1. An explanation of the flow of gas and liquid hydrocarbons; the procedures and frequency of well tests and for the calibration and proving of metering devices; and the formulas to be utilized for production allocation.
2. Diagrammatic sketches of the proposed mechanical installation.
3. Statement of applicant regarding the accuracy of well tests for allocation of production.

4. A list of Interested Parties affected by this application; and
5. A check in the amount of \$1400.00 to cover the application fee.

A complete copy of this application with all attachments has been mailed to the District Manager of the Lafayette District, Office of Conservation. Each Interested Party shall be mailed a copy of this application with the explanation of flow and diagrammatic sketches. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy.

Kindly set this matter for hearing at the earliest convenient date. The applicant may be contacted at (918) 878-5472. The following are the applicant's representatives in this matter, who may also be contacted:

- Mr. John T. Connolly of Energy Research Services, Inc., 251 Florida Street, Suite 215, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801; 225-383-8656 and jtconnol@yahoo.com.
- Mr. Carlos M. Gonzalez of Petronyx Consulting Engineers, LLC, 3520 General DeGaulle, Suite 3200, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114; 504-366-1414 and cgonzalez@petronyx.com.
- Mr. James Fayard of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. 110 West 7th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119; 918-878-5472.

Respectfully submitted,



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Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties as named on attached list.